



FIVE NAVY MEDICINE MOMENTS IN OCTOBER 2017 [PHOTOS]

Every day, more than 63,000 Navy Medicine personnel are operating forward around the world, providing agile and rapid health care support to the Navy and Marine Corps. Saving lives wherever our forces operate is what we do, be it above the sea, on the sea, below the sea or on the battlefield. The following photos depict important events and our medical professionals at work during October 2017.



CAGUAS, Puerto Rico (Oct. 6, 2017) – Sailors embarked aboard the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20), along with Puerto Rican medical professionals, transfer a patient from Menonita Hospital in Caguas, Puerto Rico via an MH-60S Seahawk helicopter, attached to the “Sea Knights” of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 22. Comfort arrived in the Arecibo-Manati region to provide medical services with additional visits being planned around the island. The U.S. Health and Human Services and Puerto Rico Department of Health representatives are prioritizing patients at each stop prior to Comfort’s arrival. The Department of Defense is supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the lead federal agency, in helping those affected by Hurricane Maria to minimize suffering and is one component of the overall whole-of-government response effort. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ernest R. Scott/Released)



SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (Oct. 15, 2017) -Tania Rodriguez Ramos fixes her daughter's clothes, Oct. 15, 2017, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Her daughter, Sara Victoria was the first baby born aboard the T-AH20 USNS Comfort in more than seven years. The Comfort is in the vicinity of San Juan and will be traveling around the island to assist Puerto Rico in the recovery process during the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. (U.S. Army photo by: Sgt. Maricris C. McLane)



CARIBBEAN SEA (Oct. 11, 2017) – Sailors perform a surgical operation held in an operating room aboard the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20). Comfort is underway operating in the vicinity of Arecibo, Puerto Rico to provide medical services with additional visits being planned around the island. The U.S. Health and Human Services and Puerto Rico Department of Health representatives are prioritizing patients at each stop prior to Comfort's arrival. The Department of Defense is supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the lead federal agency, in helping those affected by Hurricane Maria to minimize suffering and is one component of the overall whole-of-government response effort. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ernest R. Scott/Released)



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Oct. 19, 2017) Hospitalman Patricia Yancey, right, assigned to Naval Hospital Jacksonville, helps Lt. Jaime York put on a disposable toxicological agent protective suit during first receiver operations training at Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Oct. 19, 2017. First receiver operations training educates Navy Medicine first receivers on life-saving skills required to triage, initiate treatment, decontaminate, and save victims from chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and other hazards. (U.S. Navy photo by Jacob Sippel/Released)



CARIBBEAN SEA (Oct. 22, 2017) – Hospital corpsmen embarked aboard the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) receive a patient from Centro Medico hospital in San Juan, Puerto Rico, during a medical evacuation. An Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, assigned to C Co., 6th Battalion, Combat Aviation Brigade, conducted the patient transfer. Comfort is underway providing medical services in the vicinity of Ponce, Puerto Rico, with additional visits being planned around the island. The U.S. Health and Human Services and Puerto Rico Department of Health representatives are prioritizing patients at each stop prior to Comfort's arrival. The Department of Defense is supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the lead federal agency, in helping those affected by Hurricane Maria to minimize suffering and is one component of the overall whole-of-government response effort. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ernest R. Scott/Released)